

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 146**

LCO No. 2753

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF COMMISSION  
SALES STABLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 22-277 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3       (a) As used in this section, "livestock animal" means any camelid or  
4       hooved animal raised for domestic or commercial use. The  
5       Commissioner of Agriculture shall supervise commission sales stables  
6       where livestock animals are sold at public auctions. Any person, firm  
7       or corporation engaged in the business of selling livestock animals at  
8       such auctions or sales shall [annually] obtain approval from the United  
9       States Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection  
10      Service, remain in good standing to operate as a livestock marketing  
11      facility and biennially apply to said commissioner for a license upon a  
12      form to be prescribed by the commissioner. The fee for each such  
13      license shall be [one hundred ninety] three hundred eighty dollars,  
14      payable to said commissioner. Each such license shall be issued for the  
15      period of [one year] two years from July first and may be revoked for  
16      cause. If, in the judgment of the commissioner, any provision of this  
17      section has been violated, the commissioner shall send notice by  
18      registered or certified mail to the licensee, who shall be given a  
19      hearing, and, if violation is proven, the license shall be revoked. If a

20 license to deal in livestock, issued to any person, firm or corporation  
21 by another state, has been suspended or revoked by such state within  
22 five years next preceding the date of issuance or renewal of a license to  
23 such person, firm or corporation under the provisions of this section,  
24 such suspension or revocation shall constitute just cause for revocation  
25 under this section. All dairy and breeding animals originating from  
26 this state to be sold at such auction shall be segregated from [beef]  
27 slaughter animals prior to such sales. The sale of dairy and breeding  
28 animals shall precede the sale of those assigned for slaughter. [All  
29 bovines more than three hundred pounds in weight, except dairy and  
30 breeding animals, that are delivered to a sale shall be branded with the  
31 letter "S" in a conspicuous place or identified] All animals designated  
32 for slaughter shall be conspicuously identified in a manner acceptable  
33 to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee by the operator of  
34 the sale or the operator's representative. All dairy and breeding  
35 animals from within the state arriving at a sale shall be from a herd  
36 that: (1) Is under state supervision for the control of brucellosis and  
37 tuberculosis and that has been tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis  
38 less than fourteen months before the sale, (2) has been tested for  
39 tuberculosis less than fourteen months before the sale and is regularly  
40 tested under the brucellosis ring test program of the Department of  
41 Agriculture, or (3) is certified to be brucellosis-free under the program  
42 established pursuant to section 22-299a. All dairy and breeding  
43 animals arriving at a sale from outside the state shall comply with  
44 section 22-304 and be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the  
45 livestock official of the state of their origin and by a permit from the  
46 commissioner. All animals offered for dairy or breeding purposes  
47 [over six months of age] shall be identified by an official ear tag [, a  
48 tattoo or registration papers] or an official animal identification device  
49 approved by the commissioner or the commissioner's designated  
50 agent. [All female dairy or breeding animals over six months of age  
51 shall have been calfhood vaccinated against brucellosis.] Animals  
52 consigned for slaughter shall be sold only to owners or agents of  
53 slaughtering establishments licensed by the United States Department  
54 of Agriculture and moved directly to such slaughtering establishments

55 for [immediate] slaughter not later than three days after the date of  
56 sale. All stables and sales rings shall be kept clean and shall be suitably  
57 disinfected prior to each sale. The provisions of this section shall not  
58 apply to the sale of an individual herd at an auction conducted by the  
59 owner thereof. Any person, or any officer or agent of any corporation,  
60 who violates any provision of this section or who obstructs or attempts  
61 to obstruct the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's  
62 deputy or assistants in the performance of their duty, shall be guilty of  
63 a class D misdemeanor.

64 (b) Any person, firm or corporation licensed pursuant to subsection  
65 (a) of this section shall make, execute and thereafter maintain on file  
66 with the Commissioner of Agriculture a bond to the state, satisfactory  
67 to the commissioner, to secure the performance of obligations incurred  
68 in this state or in lieu thereof, and a bond filed with the United States  
69 Department of Agriculture in the amount as required herein, pursuant  
70 to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 USC 181 et seq.).  
71 The amount of each such bond shall be based on the amount of one  
72 average sale of such person, firm or corporation. One average sale shall  
73 be computed by dividing the total yearly gross receipts from the sale of  
74 all livestock during the preceding twelve months by the number of  
75 sales during such time, provided the number of sales used to compute  
76 one average sale shall not be greater than one hundred thirty. If the  
77 amount of one average sale is ten thousand dollars or less the amount  
78 of the bond shall be ten thousand dollars. If the amount of one average  
79 sale is more than ten thousand dollars but not more than twenty-six  
80 thousand dollars, the amount of the bond shall be not less than the  
81 next multiple of two thousand dollars above such amount. If the  
82 amount of one average sale is more than twenty-six thousand dollars  
83 but not more than thirty thousand dollars, the amount of such bond  
84 shall be thirty thousand dollars. If the amount of one average sale is  
85 more than thirty thousand dollars, the amount of the bond shall be not  
86 less than the next multiple of five thousand dollars above such  
87 amount.

88 (c) The sale of wild animals, captive cervidae, pets and companion

89 animals, including pet birds and all psittacine birds, by a commission  
90 sales stable licensed pursuant to this section is prohibited. The sale of  
91 equines shall comply with chapter 438a including, but not limited to,  
92 obtaining any required licenses. The sale of poultry shall comply with  
93 chapter 434 including, but not limited to, obtaining any required  
94 licenses.

95 (d) Each commission sales stable shall retain a veterinarian who is  
96 licensed in this state and who maintains state and federal accreditation  
97 to practice veterinary medicine. Such veterinarian shall verify  
98 compliance with livestock importation requirements, examine and  
99 issue certificates of veterinary inspection for animals traveling  
100 interstate. Such veterinarian shall be present whenever livestock are  
101 offered for sale.

102 (e) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in  
103 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the  
104 provisions of this section. Such regulations may include, but need not  
105 be limited to, requirements concerning animal identification, animal  
106 health and handling, facility design and construction requirements,  
107 sanitation standards, provisions concerning required records and  
108 recordkeeping.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2016	22-277
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